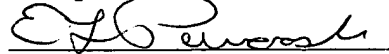
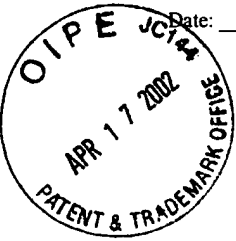


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**Dear Sir:**

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application, please find the following:

1. a Notification Of Loss Of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c); and
2. a check in the amount of \$65 to cover the deficiency outlined in the Notification.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp and mail the postcard to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

Although acting in good faith, Applicants for the above-identified patent application erred in claiming small entity status in December 2000. On 18 December 2000, Applicants filed the following items with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"):

1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. a Declaration for Utility Patent Application, Form PTO/SB/01;
3. a Statement Claiming Small Entity Status – Small Business Concern, Form PTO/SB/10;  
and
4. a check in the amount of \$65.00 as the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), small entity.

It has since been discovered that the small entity status was established in error. Applicants respectfully submit this Notification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.27(g)(2), 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c), and MPEP 509.03 to correct the error.

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The above-identified fee was the only fee that Applicants have paid based upon the claim for small entity status. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c)(2), Applicants enclose a check for \$65, which is the difference between the current fee amount (for other than a small entity) of \$130 and the amount of the previous erroneous (small entity) fee payment of \$65. The total deficiency payment owed is \$65.

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